



## Jerry Thomas Harper Jr.

September 11, 1969 - May 5, 2024

Jerry Thomas Harper Jr (Tom), 54, of Columbus, Ohio went home to be with Jesus very suddenly on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 1:55am, at Grant Medical Center. He was born on September 11, 1969. He was very loving, kind and compassionate. He was a constant help to others and only knew how to love deeply and unconditionally. He is leaving behind a beautiful legacy of helping beyond our limits, never giving up and many cherished memories.

Tom is preceded in death by grandparents, Ernest Harper, Lucinda Faye Harper, William Sartin, Ila Sartin; uncles, Kenneth Paul Harper, John Henry Sartin, Thomas Ray Sartin, Everett Donald Sartin, Paul Sartin, Daniel Oscar Sartin; brother, Jeffrey Eugene Harper; sister, Amy Michelle Murphy; niece, Haley Marsela Harper; nephew, Adam Dito Harper; great nephews, Xzaviure James Brown and Lawson Ryker Brown; and cousins, Brian Duncan, Sara Chapman and Alexis Chapman.

He is survived by his father, Jerry Thomas (Gloria) Harper Sr.; mother, Ila (Lloyd Wayne) Faye Crawford; son, Samuel Thomas Harper; daughter, Bethany Joy Harper; brothers, Randall Lee Harper, Jeremy Paul (Tia) Harper, Daryl (Jackilyn) Spergin and Benjamin Ryan Harper; sisters, Eva Faye Parks and Jody Lynn (Jerry) Stepp; nephews, William Breunig, Skyler Clifford, Zachary Harper, Jeremy Harper Jr, James Harper and Ryan Harper; nieces, Ashlyn Alexis Harper, Taylor Green, Ciera (Larry) Brown, Isabel Spergin and Monica Spergin; great nephews, Braxton Brown, Jensyn Brown, Graycen Leitwein, Remmington Brown; great nieces, Novah Brown, Kaylani Daymon, Reagan Clifford and Arora Harper; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Tom taught us all to love Jesus, work hard, give generously to others and enjoy life to the full! He was an excellent father. Tom helped his children with school projects, attended their sports events, band concerts and dramas at church. He enjoyed family holidays, get-togethers and any other family party. He always found time, an ear to listen, a kind word to encourage and loved everyone. Tom loved Jesus foremost and faithfully attended worship services and Bible studies, most recently for the past 18 years at Shepherd Church of the

Nazarene. He was a sound technician for church services for many years and enjoyed being the lighting technician for Midnight Clear, a Christmas band. He enjoyed video recording events and making sure everyone had a photo or video to remember the good times! He worked for GCI (Geotechnical Consultants Inc.) in Columbus, Ohio. He loved his job being a senior engineering representative and helped to train many field technicians. His fellow co-workers remember him fondly for his dedication, upbeat personality and positive impact he made in their workplace. He was also a hobby car mechanic and loved his bright red 1989 Toyota Supra convertible and his black 1984 Toyota Celica. His favorite car was a maroon 1986 Toyota Supra he had years ago.

His funeral service will be held Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 12pm with visitation beginning at 10am at Shepherd Church of the Nazarene, 425 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230, with a luncheon to follow. His burial service will be held at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, 5600 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43213, on Monday, May 13, at 11:30am.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. Tom had a heart for helping those struggling with addictions, homelessness and other life challenges. Your donation will help to continue that work in supporting others through their recovery.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn

5600 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43213

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Shepherd Church of the Nazarene  
425 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, OH 43230

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## Service

MAY 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

Shepherd Church of the Nazarene  
425 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, OH 43230

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## Burial

MAY 13. 11:30 AM (ET)

Forest Lawn  
5600 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43213

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Every time I saw Tom, he was all smiles and that smile was contagious. He joined in on family dinners, and became a part of our home. He will surely be missed. A good man taken from the world too soon but his light lives on in the hearts of those he touched the most. We love you Tom. You were an amazing friend. The world feels a bit more empty without you in it.



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**Maria Queerly** - May 15, 2024 at 04:10 PM

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“ Aunt Jo Ann Robinett & Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Jerry Thomas Harper Jr..



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**Aunt Jo Ann Robinett & Family** - May 09, 2024 at 11:09 PM

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“ I am thankful to call Tom, friend. I met Tom when I was leading worship at Shepherd in 2004. He served selflessly, humbly and had such a heart for others to know the Lord. In recent days Tom has ran sound for many of my studio events and church services. He truly was one of the kindest souls I have ever met. He will be Greatly missed by many. He is resting in the arms of Jesus.

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**Amy Garner** - May 09, 2024 at 09:59 PM

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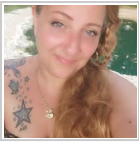
*I will never forget you Tom. Aunt Debbie*

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**Deborah Tullis** - May 11, 2024 at 08:44 AM

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“ You will be dearly missed cousin..

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**bernie spaulding** - May 09, 2024 at 06:55 PM



“ I believe my brother Tom was an absolute angel here on earth. He was always there when you needed him. He would help anybody selflessly without question . For me, ever since we were kids Tom filled the shoes as my oldest brother. He definately inspired me to be creative and think outside the box. Tom was usually the one putting his architectural and engineering smarts to use to keep us siblings occupied. He would design and have us all building forts with scrap wood from new construction projects in the neighborhood. Layout dirt cities for the hot wheels collection and inspired a garden house made of stacked screens, fall leaves, all rooms complete with fireplaces. To us this was a brilliant idea at the time until "someone" (no names mentioned (b)) wanted to light a fire in thier fireplace. Most of his childhood projects ended in disaster but he definately knew how to keep things interesting.

As a teenager with a drivers license I remember Tom and Randy were always asked to escort me to the skating rink almost every Frinday or Saturday. Tom could have spent his weekends being out with friends, like most teens, but instead he worked at a carry out and when he got off work, he would make sure I was picked up and I got home safe from Westerville's Roller Challet.

Tom was a man that would do anything for anyone in need without question. He was always patient and kind no matter the circumstances. He was the type of person who never complained about anything not even once. .

'I've been lucky enough to spend alot of time with Tom this past year as his roommate and have witnessed the best traits in him and how God worked through him. He did his best to offer shelter, food and prayer to many in need. He was faithful about reading scripture and other books related to his faith. He was a reliable hard working man both at work and at home. Always tinkering, installing organizing or improving something. I admire him in so many ways and promise to honor his memory by living each and every day helping anyone, anyway I'm able. I love you Tom and can't wait to be in your presence again someday.

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**Eva Parks** - May 09, 2024 at 03:26 PM



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**Day Funeral Service** - May 09, 2024 at 12:23 PM